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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING  
 AN IMPROVED STRAINED SURFACE  
 LAYER AND METHOD OF FORMING  
 A STRAINED SURFACE LAYER IN A  
 SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Examiner: William M. Brewster

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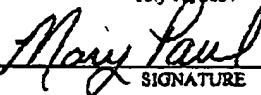
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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM EXAMINER

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This paper is submitted in response to telephone conferences with Examiner Brewster on July 16, 2004 and July 20, 2004. At the Examiner's request, this response is being sent to the Examiner by facsimile (571-273-1854)

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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS

Pursuant to the present amendment, claims 20-21 have been canceled, claims 1-2 and 18-19 have been amended and new claims 22-29 have been added. Thus, claims 1-4, 6-7, 18-19 and 22-29 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been introduced by way of the present amendment. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein.

In teleconferences held on July 16, 2004 and July 20, 2004, Examiner Brewster indicated that dependent claims 2 and 20, to the extent they were limited to xenon, argon and germanium, or combinations thereof, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Pursuant to the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to recite that the germanium ions are implanted as described therein. In new independent claims 22 and 24, xenon is identified as the implanted ions. In new independent claims 26 and 28, argon is identified as the implanted ions.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Pursuant to the Examiner's request, this response is being sent to him via facsimile (571-273-1854). The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4055 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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FOR		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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TYPE  OTHER THAN  
OR SMALL ENTITY

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BASIC FEE	385.00	OR BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$ 9=		OR X\$18=	
X43=		OR X86=	
+145=		OR +290=	
TOTAL		OR TOTAL	

OTHER THAN  
SMALL ENTITY OR SMALL ENTITY

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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		
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X43=		OR X86=	
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